

CITY OF REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 10, 2005

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

“Voice the views of the community to Mayor and City Council in reference to all cultural endeavors”

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Roy Leban, Vice Chair Heidi Houghton, Phil Teller, Kay Tarapolsi, Latha Sambamurti, Tom Flynn, John Davis

ABSENT AND EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT: Melna Skillingstead, Arts Administrator; Sandra Bettencourt, Recreation Program Manager; Dorie Lysaght, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Ken Wong, Director of Redmond Teen Center

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AGENDA

Note: Bold/italic text denotes Staff and Commissioner follow-up resulting from this meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Roy Leban called to order the regular meeting of the Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) at 7:06 p.m. at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center (ORSCC).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Redmond Arts Commission (RAC) minutes of October 13, 2005 were approved with the following amendments:

- Page 3, VI. A., fourth bullet point: Change to read “Tarapolsi volunteered to provide a list of potential sponsors for staff to invite to the 2005 ROS Opening.”
- Page 4, VI. D.: Add “Tarapolsi suggested recycled materials artist Marita Dingus.”

Motion for approval of the RAC minutes of October 13, 2005 as amended by:
Commissioner Tarapolsi

Second by: Commissioner Davis

Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Chair Report

Visual Arts:

- City Hall Arts Move
- ROS Flyer

Visioning Committee Report

IV. CHAIR REPORT

Leban reported that he had created custom thank you cards for the ROS sponsors. The cards were printed with the sponsored sculptures on the front and a thank you message inside. He passed the cards around the table to the commissioners for their signatures. Lebanon also shared sponsor appreciation certificates from the City of Redmond that had been signed by himself, the Mayor and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

V. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A. Teen Center Report, Ken Wong

Wong thanked the RAC for their support of the Teen Center and for sponsoring the upcoming ORSCC Gallery Teen Art Exhibit. He thanked Houghton for the idea and for arranging the show. Tarapolsi mentioned that the RAC is looking for new Youth Advocates and asked if the Teen Center would be able to distribute information. *Skillingstead will send posters and details to the Teen Center for posting.* Wong announced that the Teen Center will be hosting an opening for their ORSCC Gallery show on December 15 at 7pm. He also requested that commissioners submit suggestions for future arts programs and projects for teens.

VI. GENERAL RAC BUSINESS

A. Update on RAC Interviews

Leban, Bettencourt, Skillingstead and Mayor Ives interviewed four candidates for the two RAC vacancies. The final decision will be made by the Mayor and the names will go forward to the City Council at their first January meeting. Houghton suggested that the two candidates who are not selected to be commissioners be asked to work on the committees.

VII. ARTS EDUCATION/GRANTS

A. Organizational Support and Arts Education Grant Recommendations: Eastside Symphony, Audubon Elementary

Tarapolsi received an Organizational Grant 2006 application from Eastside Symphony for \$1500. They are a Redmond-based organization that has held and will be holding eight performances in Redmond, two in Bellevue and one in Seattle. Leban mentioned that he was concerned that only half of their audience is from Redmond. Tarapolsi pointed out that it is impossible to accurately determine how many Redmond residents attend Eastside Symphony concerts. Flynn asked if the requested amount was consistent with past support of the organization and Skillingstead confirmed that it was. Davis stated that their request was worth granting if they are to hold the four concerts next season in Redmond as planned, since the request is equal to the payment for one Arts in the Parks concert.

Motion for approval of \$1,500 Organizational Support Grant funding for Eastside Symphony by: Commissioner Houghton
Second by: Commissioner Teller

Discussion: Leban asked if any other 2006 Organizational Grant applications had been received and Tarapolsi reported that there have been none. Flynn asked if the full Organizational Support Grant budget is normally given out and Skillingstead confirmed that it is and that organizations are often granted lower amounts than they requested if there is less in the budget.

Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

Tarapolsi reported that there is \$3280 left in the 2005 Arts Education Grant budget. She received an application from Audubon Elementary for \$2000 and one from Sixth Day Dance for \$850. She felt that the Sixth Day Dance request was low and has contacted them to encourage them to reapply for more funding. Leban stated that he will be unable to participate in the Grant Committee decision on Audubon Elementary since his children attend that school. Flynn volunteered to join the Grant Committee temporarily to review the Audubon Elementary application.

B. Arts Ed Washington Creative Conversations Workshop Report

Teller attended the Arts Ed Washington Creative Conversations Workshop with Bettencourt and Skillingstead. The meeting was for arts educators from all disciplines and included an exercise in messaging and explanations of several programs. A poster with details was distributed to the commissioners.

C. Arts Ed Report

The Arts Ed Committee met with Una McAlinden, director of Arts Education Washington. Teller distributed minutes from that meeting and reported that:

- The Arts Education Manuals should be put into a pdf format that could be published online. Leban stated that the book is already available in pdf and could be put on the web with a few minor adjustments.
- The pictures for skills and techniques are missing from the books and that McAlinden is willing to organize the 3-6 pictures for a fee. The RAC has funds in the Arts Education budget that could cover the costs. Skillingstead noted that the K-2 skills and techniques pictures are already online at the LWSD site. Bettencourt stated that McAlinden will submit a proposal as an individual to organize the materials for RAC review.
- It was discussed with McAlinden that the RAC may not have the capacity to promote the manuals and that it may be best to hand them over to a larger agency like Arts Education Washington for further promotion. Bettencourt pointed out that the Arts Ed Committee had not offered to give the manuals to Arts Education Washington but asked if the organization or any other that McAlinden knows might be able to take the materials if all copyright and legal issues were discussed. Teller agreed that the committee is discussing the possibilities and will bring all ideas back to the RAC for approval. Leban suggested that they consider the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for distribution and Davis suggested that private companies may pay to distribute the curriculums.

VIII. VISUAL ARTS

A. Visual Art Committee Report

No minutes were available from the Visual Arts Committee.

B. Carson Art Dedication

Skillingstead has tentatively scheduled the Carson Art Dedication for January 18 at noon to occur during the lunch recess at Redmond Elementary so the children can observe the dedication. ORSCC employees and the Medina School may also participate in the event.

C. International Art Exhibit/Representative

Leban reported that the RAC still needs to gather more information on the International Art Exhibit before making a decision on whether to participate or not. He suggested that Teller be officially appointed as the RAC representative to gather information. Teller will be going up to Vancouver with Skillingstead and Tarapolsi on November 29 to see the art and get more information. He will report his findings to the RAC. Tarapolsi expressed concern about the amount of staff time that the project will require. Skillingstead suggested that the next VAC meeting be moved to December 5 so the information gathered in Vancouver can

be discussed before the presentation to the RAC. Tarapolsi asked the Commissioners to submit all of their questions before the trip.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Teller official RAC representative for the International Art Exhibit by: Commissioner Leban

Second by: Commissioner Flynn

Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

D. % for Arts Projects Funding 2006

Leban reported that there is % for Arts money available and that the money does not have to be spent on the specific project that it came from. *Skillingstead volunteered to bring the numbers to the next VAC meeting.* Tarapolsi suggested that the money be spent to purchase a piece from the 2005 ROS exhibit. Skillingstead stated that the RAC needs to establish an acquisition process before purchasing more pieces. Leban pointed out that public input had not been solicited on the Andrew Carson piece. Bettencourt explained that historically % for Art purchases involve public input but that there is no set policy. Leban suggested coming up with a way to solicit public input without delaying the purchase process. Skillingstead reported that the sculpture Patrick in Hartman Park will be removed next summer and that the RAC may want to use % for Art funds to purchase a piece for that location. Leban said that the VAC will look at the % for Art funds and upcoming City projects at the next meeting. Houghton suggested that somebody in the VAC also review the existing policies on art acquisition.

E. Arts Awards Status

Letters soliciting submissions for the 2006 Arts Awards have been sent to four artists. Leban reported that the VAC will evaluate the submitted work at their next meeting and will bring recommendations to the RAC December meeting.

F. City Hall Arts Move

Commissioners are invited to tour the new City Hall sometime during the week of December 12 to identify potential sites for artwork. Skillingstead reported that Artech will store the works until the schedule for evaluation and documentation can be set and so that the City Hall employee committee can look over the art to advise on the placement. *Skillingstead will send an invitation to the commissioners when a date and time has been determined.* A handout of the City Hall first floor plan was distributed to the commissioners. Leban suggested putting one piece from the ORSCC Gallery exhibit on display in the City Hall gallery to attract visitors over to the ORSCC.

G. ROS Flyer

Skillingstead passed around the final 2006 ROS flyer. She thanked Leban for his beautiful photos of the sculptures and Wayne Gillam of the City's print shop for his layout. The initial printing will be 5000 copies and another printing will be

done later in the exhibit. Splitting the printings will allow additions and changes to be made. Tarapolsi requested a budget report for ROS. Bettencourt stated that it would be available from Finance after they have paid the curator.

IX. PERFORMING ARTS/LITERARY ARTS

A. Project Status: Winter Performance Series

- Sambamurti reported that the 2006 WPS has three sponsors, preets casual indian dining, Kanishka Cuisine of India and Wells Fargo-Redmond Branch. The 2006 WPS brochures are ready to print and may be finished in time for distribution at RedmondLights. Newspaper ads, FOCUS ads and a Recreation Guide listing are also in the works.
- An email will soon be sent to the PAC to schedule the first 2006 AITP review. Sambamurti requested that commissioners send her all suggestions for AITP performers.
- The 4Culture Site Specific performances have been scheduled for Saturday, November 12 at Jerzey's Coffee and Victor's Coffee and on Saturday, November 19 at Jerzey's Coffee.

B. Winter FOCUS article deadline November 14

Skillingstead asked for suggestions for specific items to be included in the next FOCUS magazine. Flynn mentioned the kids stories from Write Out Loud!, Tarapolsi suggested a book review, Leban offered the idea of including profiles of the new commissioners, Skillingstead brought up the new ROS exhibit and Bettencourt suggested that she include information on the sponsors. Davis asked if Redmond had considered appointing a Poet Laureate of the City. The Commissioners suggested that Davis write up a proposal for consideration.

X. VISIONING COMMITTEE

Bettencourt met with Finance to discuss hiring a consultant for the RAC strategic plan. They will create an RFP with tentative dates of November 23 for accepting applications, December 16 for closing and the week of January 9 for interviews. The interview panel will include two commissioners, City staff and Finance staff. Finance will have final say on who is hired. Skillingstead pointed out that they had some names of potential applicants and that they were specifically looking for somebody with municipal experience. Tarapolsi suggested that Claudia Bach be included on the list of potential applicants. Bettencourt asked that Commissioners continue to submit consultant suggestions.

XI. GENERAL NEW BUSINESS

- Tarapolsi reported that Eastside Art Coalition is looking for meeting space for their monthly meeting. *Skillingstead volunteered to get in touch with them for more information and to schedule a time when the RAC could sponsor the meeting space.*
- Tarapolsi invited commissioners the Eastside Mother's Club Auction to benefit Pediatric Interim Care and Eastside Domestic Violence where she will be selling her work.
- Leban pointed out that Houghton had distributed a postcard with information on an art exhibit at the Enso Center for International Arts.

XII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by: Commissioner Tarapolsi

Second by: Commissioner Davis

Motion carried: 7-0 unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Dorie Lysaght

NEXT REDMOND ARTS COMMISSION MEETING:

December 8, 2005

Old Redmond School House Community Center

7:00 p.m.

Redmond Arts Commission

Meeting: November 10, 2005

Audience Present

Please note: Information provided at this public meeting becomes part of the City's permanent record.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
Ken Wong		